

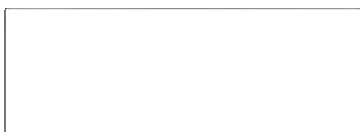
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba



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[redacted] photography shows the tanks and vehicles which on Monday were absent from their stands at Artemisa and Holguin, are still absent. No new departures were noted. [redacted]

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d. We have no evidence yet where these vehicles went, but are inclined to doubt they will be shipped out.

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2. Cuban sugar



a. Estimates of this year's sugar crop now are running as much as a million tons below last year's poor crop of 4.8 million tons.

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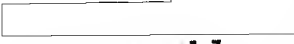
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Cuba's second largest mill has been producing only about three fourths of what it was last year, and similar conditions prevail elsewhere in the industry.

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 3.5 million tons is a reasonable estimate. This compares with normal production in recent years of nearly 6 million tons.

d. Reasons given are last year's drought, a damaging crop diversification program, worker apathy and unsatisfactory equipment.

3. Brazil -
Pro-Castro
conference

a. The Cuban solidarity conference got off to an inauspicious start last night. Police arrested some 53 delegates as the meeting convened in Rio in defiance of the ban ordered by Governor Lacerda.

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b. It finally got underway across the bay in a union hall in Niteroi where fewer than 400 delegates gathered without fanfare to hear an unimpressive opening speech by a retired Brazilian General.

c. The rally is scheduled to end on Saturday.

4. Saudi Arabia

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c. Saudi authorities tightened security and arrested a number of military personnel suspected of plotting against the regime after the UAR paradropped supplies to dissidents in western Saudi Arabia on 16 February. It is possible that they have learned of this conspiracy through interrogation of some of these suspects.

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5. Haiti-Dominican Republic

a. President Bosch has suddenly become so occupied with the situation in Haiti that all other business, including, we understand, the deportation of Imbert, has been set aside.

b. Following the ouster on Saturday (as persona non grata) of the Dominican charge in Port-au-Prince, [redacted] the Dominican Republic is preparing for trouble [redacted] to erupt along the border at any time. Evidently [redacted] in terms of some retaliatory harassment. Foreign Minister Freitas intimated as much in a parallel talk with Ambassador Martin the same day.

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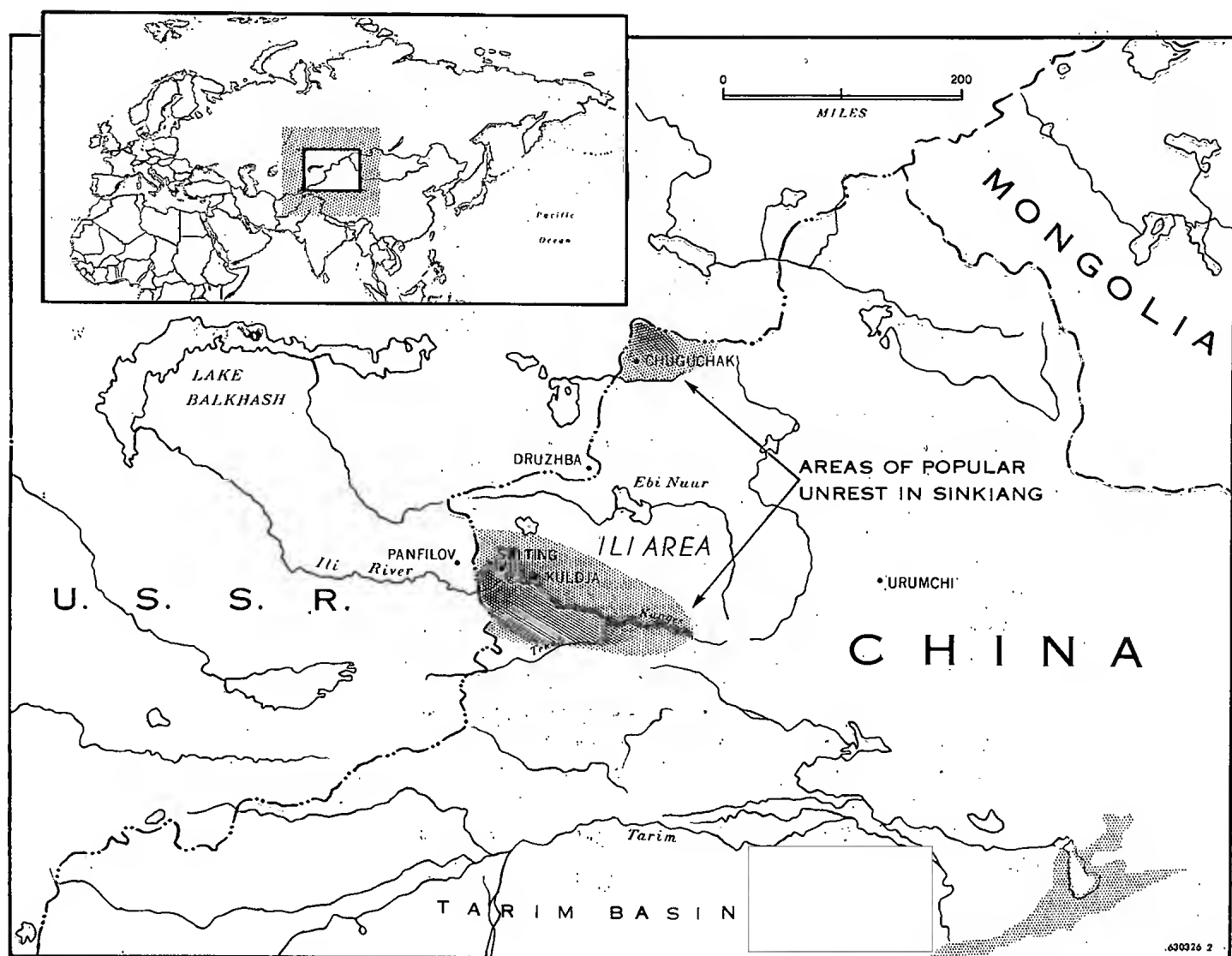
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c. It was clear [redacted] that Bosch has been fishing about for a candidate to succeed Duvalier and wants to concert with the US and Venezuela in the matter.

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e. Ambassador Martin feels that Bosch's sudden obsession with Haiti provides him with a convenient way to escape from the difficult problems of putting his own house in order. Martin has reminded both Bosch and Freitas that they have problems enough at home without looking for more trouble elsewhere.

6. China-USSR

a. Troubles with the population in areas bordering the USSR apparently continue to plague the Chinese Communists.

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c. Judging from refugee reports, as many as 70,000 persons may have fled from this area into the USSR last year. When Chinese authorities moved to tighten border controls, riots broke out as demonstrators gathered at the Soviet consulate appealing for arms. The consulate was thereupon closed.

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7. Ghana

a. With an eye on the African summit conference scheduled for May in Addis Ababa, Nkrumah is busy rounding up backing for his pan-African views.

b. We know [redacted] [redacted] that he is promoting an early April meeting in Accra of the steering committee of the All-African Peoples' Conference, a radical organization which has been largely dormant for the past year. [redacted]

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c. He has also sent envoys to most other African chiefs of state with proposals for an African "parliament" and common foreign, defense, and economic policies.

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NOTES

- A. USSR We are beginning to see some substantiation that Soviet Chief of Staff Zakharov has been removed. His name has been conspicuously absent from recent published Soviet military lists and signed obituaries, and he was not among those who saw Defense Minister Malinovsky off to Indonesia.

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- D. India-China Peiping's note to New Delhi on Monday charging Indian intrusions into Chinese territory near Sikkim is a pointed reminder that, though this area remained quiet during hostilities last fall, it is not immune to the danger of border clashes if the Indians fail to keep their distance from Chinese forces.

- E. India-Pakistan Ambassador Galbraith has learned that India may be considering the idea of turning the problem of a Kashmir settlement over to the International Court at The Hague.

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